

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on September 14, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully considered. Claim 14 has been amended. Claims 1, 8 and 14 are the independent claims. Claims 1-17 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by *Collins* (US 5,154,507). It is submitted that these claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference for at least the following reasons.

Applicants' independent claim 1 recites a backlight module comprising at least an extruded metallic carrier and a light source. The extruded metallic carrier has top-face with an accommodation sink being formed thereon and a plurality of heat-dissipating channels disposed **within** the extruded metallic carrier. The light source is deposited in the accommodation sink.

In contrast, *Collins et al.* disclose a light 10 for mounting a linear quartz halogen lamp bulb 24 (Col. 3, lines 4-5). The light includes a rear cover 12 threadably secured to a front cover 14 by socket head cap screws 40. The front cover 14 is the main body of the light 10 and includes a main heat sink surface 16 (Col. 3, lines 16-20 & FIG. 1). The main heat sink surface 16 incorporates longitudinally extending fins to assist in dissipating the heat generated by the linear lamp bulb 24 (Col. 3, lines 20-23 & FIG. 4). It is noted that the trenches

between fins, relied on by the Examiner as the teaching of the heat-dissipating channel, are extended along the outside of the heat sink surface and are positioned over the front cover:

The Examiner clearly stated in the Office Action filed on June 01, 2006 that the term "within" is used as a function word to indicate enclosure or containment (see page 6 of Office Action). Since the trenches of *Collins et al.* are neither enclosed nor contained by the front cover, *Collins et al.* therefore fail to disclose that the heat-dissipating channels are disposed **within** the extruded metallic carrier.

It is therefore submitted that Applicants' independent claim 1, as well as the claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, are not anticipated by (or rendered obvious by) the cited reference. Moreover, independent claim 8 includes similar features of the extruded metallic carrier similar to those of claim 1. It is submitted that claim 8, as well as its dependent claims 9-13, are not anticipated by (or rendered obvious by) the cited reference. As such, the rejection should be withdrawn.

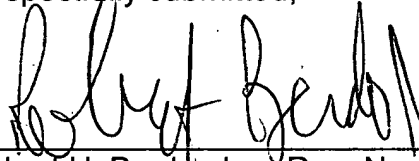
Claims 5, 7, 11, 13, 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Collins et al.* Independent claim 14 has been amended and includes features of the extruded metallic carrier similar those of claim 1. It is submitted that independent claim 14, as well as its dependent claims 15-17, are not rendered obvious by the cited reference. As such, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Based on the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 1-17, is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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